

## Minutes of a meeting of the KK team conducted at Dodoma Hotel on 29thDec 2019

### Members present

1. E. Swai
2. C. Rubanza
3. P. Ngowi
4. W. Munthali

### Meeting agenda

1. Updates on the situation and or status on the ground
2. Implementation of the 2019-20 project activities

#### 1.0. Updates

- 1.1. That most villages had received adequate rains and have planting moisture
- 1.2. That Mr Swai and Team had already planted in a number of villages
- 1.3. Some villages started receiving rains in October and farmers planted and that the crop was in good condition
- 1.4. TARI-Hombolo have their protocol not approved but activities have commenced based on previous work. A similar sentiment was raised by Dr Rubanza

#### 2.0. Implementation of activities

- 2.1. Mr Swai told the meeting that there was a meeting called to discuss systems research in KK. The meeting was attended by ARI-Hombolo, ICRAF, IITA (economist), CIAT and UDOM- Facilitated by Dr Leven- Mr Swai indicated that minutes were circulated
- 2.2. Key issue
  - 2.2.1. That a baseline to map KK operations was done led by Dr Gundula and that results showed the KK team was good at generating plot level data but poor at generating farm level data.
  - 2.2.2. That we needed to show the impact our technologies have on farmers or the communities we are working with
  - 2.2.3. This then means that a part from the usual experiments or evaluations, some technologies should be seen with farmers. For this season, an example would be where Mr Swai has given Moshi Maille improved maize varieties to be planted on the farmer's own the residue tied ridges.
  - 2.2.4. This discussion was also in preparation of the M&E team to visit project sites. The Team will visit Mlali as a representative of the sub-humid environment and Laikala representing dryland environments. Various AR technologies should revolve around the selected farmers
  - 2.2.5. It was also highlighted that the AR project has 3 farmers where farm level activities are centered; 2 in Babati and one in Kongwa (Moshi Maille).
  - 2.2.6. Partnerships: Based on the systems research integration maps created earlier, it was agreed that partnership was key to properly drive certain agenda.
    - a. Dr Rubanza outlined a few partners that he had put in his proposal; a) Dr Julius Manda for the socio-economics, b) Dr Shitindi for the manure quantification, c) Dr Gundula for the Gender and d) SUA for nutrition. He however has got a feedback only from Dr Shitindi. But he is in discussions with many other institutions like AKM glitters, Silverrent, Veterinary Agents for scaling out poultry activities and try to get down the cost vaccines

- b. Mr Swai also indicated that an organization called LEAD is scaling out the Fanya juu Fanya chini technologies to about 5 districts in Dodoma. And that as AR, he is providing training and or technical backstop to the work using project's champion farmers
- c. For the crop genetics, discussions were under way with DASPA, a seed producers' organization to explore avenues for scaling out our new varieties and also how best we can collaborate on the community seed banks. Mr Swai brought to the meeting that WFP working through SEBA, an agent was contracting farmers in Dodoma to produce sorghum seed on buy back basis. That it may be important to explore this effort as it sits well on the crops value chain. We need to follow up previous discussions with WFP

### 2.3. Team agreement

- 2.3.1. That the crop genetics and cropping systems team will also put some fitting technologies with Moshi Maille to compliment on the systems research but also as basis for farm level data
- 2.3.2. Since Laikala will also be visited, the team agreed that similar set up should be done at Mzee Mberesero's site. Swai has already put in an activity. As ICRISAT we have proposed some new varieties in crops like sorghum, pearl millet and groundnut combined with a cropping systems
- 2.3.3. It was also emphasized that these farmers will need support in terms fertilizers and some management to ensure we have a good stand that can be comfortably presented to visitors

### 2.4. AOB

- 2.4.1. Tanzanian government has introduced a forum called **Partners Meetings**. The forum is held and convened at DAICO's level attended by all critical or key partners working in the districts
- 2.4.2. **Issues:**
  - a. Each partner should explain what they are doing
  - b. Indicate villages or areas of operation
  - c. Indicate resources are spent on such activities
  - d. Outline implementation status
  - e. All partners are required to submit a quarterly report to this forum.
- 2.4.3. **Way forward:** The team agreed to have Mr Swai as our focal person on this forum, coordinate and consolidate reports for submission. Mr Swai has already briefed Prof Mateete on the development. In our discussions, we asked Mr Swai to circulate the minutes of the first meeting and also enquire about the reporting template